

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4 (Cancelled)

5. **(Currently amended)** ~~The isolated polypeptide of Claim 39~~ An isolated polypeptide having at least 99% amino acid sequence identity to:

(a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:58 ~~shown in Figure 58 (SEQ ID NO:58);~~

(b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:58 ~~shown in Figure 58 (SEQ ID NO:58)~~ lacking its associated signal peptide;

(c) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:58 ~~shown in Figure 58 (SEQ ID NO:58);~~

(d) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:58 ~~shown in Figure 58 (SEQ ID NO:58)~~, lacking together with its associated signal peptide; or

(e) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209963,

wherein the nucleic acid encoding the peptide is more highly expressed in esophageal tumor than in normal esophagus.

6. **(Currently amended)** An isolated polypeptide comprising:

(a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:58 ~~shown in Figure 58 (SEQ ID NO:58);~~

(b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:58 ~~shown in Figure 58 (SEQ ID NO:58)~~ lacking its associated signal peptide;

(c) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:58 ~~shown in Figure 58 (SEQ ID NO:58);~~

(d) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:58 ~~shown in Figure 58 (SEQ ID NO:58)~~, lacking together with its associated signal peptide; or

(e) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209963.

7. **(Currently amended)** The isolated polypeptide of Claim 6 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:58 ~~shown in Figure 58 (SEQ ID NO:58).~~

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8. **(Currently amended)** The isolated polypeptide of Claim 6 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:58 ~~shown in Figure 58 (SEQ ID NO:58)~~, lacking its associated signal peptide.

9. **(Currently amended)** The isolated polypeptide of Claim 6 comprising the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:58 ~~shown in Figure 58 (SEQ ID NO:58)~~.

10. **(Currently amended)** The isolated polypeptide of Claim 6 comprising the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:58 ~~shown in Figure 58 (SEQ ID NO:58)~~, lacking its associated signal peptide.

11. **(Previously presented)** The isolated polypeptide of Claim 6 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209963.

12. **(Currently amended)** A chimeric polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to Claim ~~4~~ 5 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

13. **(Previously presented)** The chimeric polypeptide of Claim 12, wherein the heterologous polypeptide is an epitope tag or an Fc region of an immunoglobulin.